

NISC / ISAC Meeting – October 2015, Beltsville, MD

The Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) will hold a meeting to discuss a broad range of topics related to invasive species. These discussions will serve as a basis for making recommendations to the National Invasive Species Council and to shape future work efforts of ISAC. While the meeting will focus on a broad range of invasive species topics, special emphasis will be placed on facilitating the productivity of ISAC subcommittees.

ACTION OR INFORMATION ITEM

**SPONSORING
NISC/ISAC MEMBER:**

Hilary Smith and H. Diaz-Soltero

**COMMITTEE
AFFILIATION:**

NA

**PRESENTER'S
NAME/AFFILIATION:**

TBD (USFWS and APHIS staff)

TOPIC:

Status of Section 7 Consultation by USFWS on weeds biocontrol agents

1. DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM:

Many weeds biocontrol agents need approval in a Section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act. The presentation will inform the status of the USFWS review and approval/not approval of the consultations. These consultations do not include the National Marine Fisheries Service.

2. WHY IS THIS ITEM IMPORTANT TO NISC / ISAC? DOES IT RELATE TO CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED SUBCOMMITTEE NEEDS, ACTIONS, OR DIRECTION?

ISAC made an ACTION ITEM about this issue in their May 2014 meeting:

Research and Management and Control Subcommittees

- *Request NISC staff to liaise with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to identify and resolve issues that impede the timely and successful completion of Section 7 consultations under the Endangered Species Act for biological control agents.*

3. HOW DOES THIS ITEM RELATE TO THE 2008 – 2012 OR FUTURE NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN?

Biocontrol is supported by the Plan.

4. PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY NISC / ISAC ON THIS ITEM:

See item 2 above.

5. ACTION REQUESTED OF NISC / ISAC:

None at this time.

6. ALTERNATIVES:

Request a written report by USFWS and by APHIS

7. ATTACHMENTS:

None